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1964 Falcon Sprint Hardtop
John Byvelds
Whitby, Ontario

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COVER: JOHN BYVELD (FCA #973) 1964 FALCON TWO-DOOR SPRINT HARDTOP

John Byvels' car spent far too many years being sheltered by a barn which it shared it with a group of wild things. After several moves by its owner, it has found a new home. The complete story of John's garage, from concept to completion can be found on page 20.



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President's Message: Cliff McKay



I want to encourage everyone to give the Metro Detroit, Northeast, Erie Canal, Rainer, Carolinas, and Golden Gate Chapters a big round of applause for putting on their Fall Regionals this year for our members' enjoyment. I trust that all that were able to attend had a terrific time—as most all of the events had great weather and great turnouts too.

To those members who have never attended a Regional or National meet, I strongly encourage attending one. You might really be surprised at just how much fun our FCA events can be. Unfortunately, I did not get to all of these Regional events, but I did get to enjoy the Niagara Falls Regional this year. We drove our 1965 Futura Convertible over 2600 miles—a new record for me.

Another event of note was the "Cruisin' the Coast 2014" that involved numerous FCA Falcon members and their Falcons this year. I heard that they also had a good showing, good weather, and lots of Ford fun!

I hope all of you have had some time to check out the Technical Articles that are now available online on our FCA website. These articles are an excellent resource and the FCA is always looking for more contributing authors too. You can submit your articles through our technical advisor network.

To gain access to the technical articles, the website password is FCAmemberIGS.

I want to again ask that each and every chapter continue working to find more local Falcons as well as volunteer to assist folks with their projects. Let them experience just who we FCA members are and what we are all about. Hopefully we'll not only gain some new friends, but some new members along the way as well.

I want to personally recommend to all our FCA members to try to attend next year's 2015 National event in Warwick, Rhode Island. The event hotel is a very nice facility with grass parking for our show. Check out the 2015 Nationals website, take a look at what the general Rhode Island and Northeastern regional area has to offer, ask questions, and maybe even offer some suggestions. I know the Northeast Chapter guys and gals are already hard at work on making it a good time for all who attend. See page five for more information on the 2015 Nationals.

Speaking of Nationals...the 2016 National Meet is still being developed and is to be sponsored by the Northland Chapter, Lake Michigan Chapter and Raptor Chapter. It will be held in the Wisconsin Dells area. Details will be forthcoming as they become available.

Take care. Have a beautiful late fall season cruisin' in those fabulous Falcons as weather permits! Oh yeah... don't eat too much turkey and pumpkin pie for Thanksgiving either!

—Cliff McKay (FCA #7987)
Peck, Kansas

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH 27–28, 2015

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CORRECTION

In the October issue's Minutes of 2014 National Meet, Mountain Regional Director Sid Jacobs was incorrectly listed as Sid Jenkins. We are sorry for any confusion.



Keystone Chapter

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Northeast Regional Meet photos below and article on the next page are courtesy of *The Falcon Key*, August/September 2014 newsletter.



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Grantville, Pennsylvania



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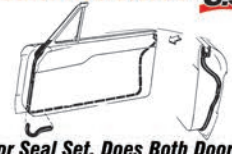
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Northeast Regional Meet Sturbridge, Massachusetts

Article from the Keystone Chapter's *The Falcon Key*,
August/September 2014 Newsletter

The show was at the Sturbridge Host Hotel in the grass next to the lake. It was a very nice location but a little cool for August. We all had a good time.

There were about 50 Falcons there with lots of 1963s. There were only three in the 1966 and up class. Kevin and Lauren Gabel were there with their blue 1963 convertible. Kevin has installed a rebuilt 200 cubic inch six in his Falcon and also had the transmission rebuilt. His Falcon sounds great with a header and duals. Kevin has had his convertible for 20 years.

We all had a great time talking to our Northeast Falcon family. Donald and Connie Snyder won the long distance award with 375 miles. Ed and Debbie Watt also attended without their Falcon. The Northeast Chapter is working hard preparing for the 2015 FCA National meet. We viewed an aerial picture of a Mustang show at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Warwick, Rhode Island where the 2015 National Falcon Meet will be held.

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The Northeast Chapter of the FCA will be hosting The 2015 National Falcon Meet. We are bringing the National Show to New England for the first time since 2001 and we have big plans. It will be held in Warwick, Rhode Island at the Crowne Plaza on July 9, 10 and 11, 2015. We are planning a tour of Factory Five Racing in nearby Wareham, Massachusetts. We will also be visiting Newport and the Breakers Mansion, cruising to Oakland Beach, visiting a winery in nearby North Stonington, Connecticut, and having the annual Ladies' Tea.

Please check our website for more information. It will be updated throughout the year. During the past two years we have had lots of people from across the country expressing their enthusiasm about attending the show and visiting our area. We are going to do our best to make sure you all have a good time! Get your registration in early so we can have an idea of how many people will be joining us.

Hotel reservations are being accepted now at 401-732-6000. Be sure to mention the Falcon Club when you call to be sure to get the special rate. The rate is \$119 and it includes breakfast. If you book online the special code to receive the Falcon rate is FBF. The block is only guaranteed until June 1, 2015 so book your room now. You can always cancel later if you decide you can't make it. Watch for more information as the year progresses.

—Rick and Cris Bowes

EDITOR'S NOTE: The 2015 National Meet Registration Form can be found on this month's outside wrap. It will run again in early 2015 issues.



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FALCONS FOR SALE

1961 Falcon four door with 24,000 original miles. A 95% nice original survivor, 144 CID, Fordomatic from Georgia, complete with original Firestone "Gum Dipped" spare tire and "Pure Oil" 1963 oil change sticker. Original Starlight Blue paint except right fender was replaced and repainted. Rust Free. Starts, runs, stops great, drive anywhere. Detailed pictures and information upon request. \$4600. Mike, 414-690-2748 or mike9310alloy@sbcglobal.net. WI.



1961 Falcon station wagon, 144 CID six-cylinder, three-speed, white. Rebuilt engine, new clutch. Car is in original condition, not modified. Runs but needs restoration. Great winter project. \$2100 OBO. Jeff Barna, 413-374-9733 or jeffbarna@yahoo.com. MA.



1961 Falcon coupe, brand new rebuilt 200 CI 3.2 liter plus rebuilt transmission, new starter, carburetor, and lots of new parts. Floor rust has been fixed. Needs paint and upholstery. Selling due to health issues. \$3500. Camran Nassiri, 3256 E. Cambridge Drive, Hayden Lake, ID 83835.

1962 Falcon Sedan Delivery. 200 six-cylinder four speed. Burgundy. Runs good, looks good and has a back seat and sun roof. Four lug Cragars. \$8500. Email Toby@twconst76@gmail.com. IN.



1963 Ford Falcon Futura convertible, 170 six cylinder automatic, 109,900 miles. White with black roof, red interior, slight rust right rear fender, runs good, Needs interior work, top works like new. Asking \$7500. Bill Esposito, 908-419-8948 or wjespo@verizon.net. NJ.



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1963 Futura two-door hardtop. 260 automatic with 35,500 original miles. Looks and runs great. Same owner 17 years. Asking \$10,500. Contact Stew, 860-859-2687 or shbarnes@snet.net. CT.

1963 Ford Falcon two door Ranch Wagon, six cylinder, manual, needs restoration, \$3200 OBO. Other Falcons available. Call "Fireball" Hartman 315-344-8882, email kyle57@twcny.rr.com or go to riverhousewares.com. NY.

1963 Falcon Sedan Delivery, real rough, no drive train, set up for V8, five bolt rear, \$750. Other Falcons available. Call "Fireball" Hartman 315-344-8882, email kyle57@twcny.rr.com or go to riverhousewares.com. NY.



1963 Falcon convertible project. Complete glass, trim, interior with new floors, car in primer. Top mechanism all in, needs top, 170, standard on column, five lug converted, front disk brakes. Have 200 CI automatic that could go with it. Partially assembled, \$3800 OBO. Jim Reese, 573-864-3153 or jwreese@tranquility.net. MO.

1964 Sprint, 351 Windsor, C4, nine inch rear end, \$3995. 1964 Sedan Delivery, needs total restoration, \$1295. 1964 Sprint Body, no interior, no drive train, \$1295. 1964 Sprint body, \$1295. 1965 Futura Wagon, four door, 80% complete, \$1295. 1964 Futura, four door, factory V8 260, A/C, P/S, \$1295. Todd Hathcock, 704-502-9341 or toddsclocks@earthlink.net. NC.



1964 Falcon convertible in good condition, 260 original, two speed automatic transmission, disc brakes, electronic ignition. Good condition. \$21,500. Manuel Martinez Rosado, 939-266-1090, G.P.O. Box 14362, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00916-4362. PR.

1963½ Ford Falcon Futura. Sitting outdoors for 25 years. Roof, trunk, glass, doors in good condition. Many other parts inside and out. First \$1500 can tow it away. Photos available. Contact Chris at chris14ono@verizon. Northern NJ.



Beautiful Garnet Pearl 1964 Falcon Sprint, 260 V-8 with automatic transmission. It has a new steering box and headliner has been replaced. Motor has small cam and has been rebuilt. Nice stereo system with CD. Car has won many trophies and has always been garaged. Asking \$15,000 or BRO. Contact Dick Campbell, 603-352-3606 or ampy53@ne.rr.com. VT.



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1965 Falcon Sedan Delivery, \$4000. 1965 Falcon Futura HT, \$1200. 1965 Falcon Futura HT, \$600. 1968 Falcon two door sedan, \$500. 1965 Falcon two door hardtop, \$700. 1960 Comet two door V8, \$800. 1976 Ranchero GT, \$7500. Call Don Branson, 636-228-4501 or email dbranson@mail.win.org. MO.

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1963 Falcon Sprint Hardtop, very clean original or ground up restoration to original. Please no rust or repaired rust, never wrecked, and no history of other major damage. Call Duane, 281-213-9754 or email degme@comcast.net. TX.

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BY KURT CHANDLER

I live a few blocks from the Wauwatosa Public Library. Almost every time I'm there, I notice a 1961 Ford Falcon parked in the lot. It's hard to miss. The car has valid Wisconsin plates but is so badly rusted—roof, hood, doors, trunk lid—you can hardly tell it was once a lustrous shade of aquamarine.

One day, I saw someone sitting in the driver's seat. Curious, I tapped on the window.

"My name's John," says the guy in the driver's seat, who's smoking a hand-rolled cigarette. The back seat is crammed with plastic bottles of water and a wardrobe of clothes stuffed inside trash bags. A frayed blanket is bunched up in the front seat. Unsealed envelopes from the U.S. Social Security Administration and state Division of Motor Vehicles line the dashboard.

A plastic pouch of tobacco is at his side, along with a box cutter and a pair of needle-nose pliers, used as a clip to hold his skinny ciga rettes. "I only smoke tobacco, nothing else," he insists, showing me his brown-stained fingers.

John is 56. He's been homeless for seven years, he tells me. He has emphysema, asthma and arthritis. Yet somehow, he gets by on \$800 a month in federal Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and medical assistance. He used to work in the electronics industry at big-name companies assembling circuit boards. But he lost his job before the 2008 recession and hasn't worked since.

His Ford Falcon is his rolling home. He bought it on eBay for \$700 on Easter Sunday, 2006. The back window needed replacing, and the engine needed repairs, as did the brakes and fuel system. "By the

time I was done, I was sorry I bought it," he says. But now, it's the only thing keeping him from sleeping on a park bench. "I don't do homeless things," he says, "like take a bath in restroom sinks."

As I jot down these details, John asks me to not reveal his last name. He might be hiding skeletons in his closet, like everyone else, but he's candid about his past. He claims he's never been arrested, and an online search of Wisconsin court filings reveals no criminal record.

Nor has John ever married. He has no children or close relatives. He was the youngest child in his family, as was his mother in hers. "Everybody up and died on me," he says.

Although rootless, he keeps a regimented schedule. On most weekdays, he spends hours inside the Tosa library

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Vinyl sun visors. One black pair out of 1964 Sprint and one white pair out of 1965 Ranchero. Black visors were repainted. \$18/pair. Steve Tontz, 562-595-1876, SteveWT324@aol.com. CA.

Two 1969 driver fenders, one blue, one green, one pair of 1968 fenders dark red, one trunk lid green, one good 1969 grille, one 1969 front bumper with mounting brackets, one pair 1968 front bucket seats, upholstery bad but foam and frames good. All fenders have some rust and minor dings, none of the parts are badly bent. Bumper is straight and a good candidate for re-chroming, \$10 each. Pictures available on request. These are intended for local pickup, none of the fenders are good enough to justify shipping expense—cost approximately \$100 each to send UPS. This ad will not run again, if no buyers they go for scrap. Gary, 303-466-8922, Broomfield, Colorado, grliberty@hotmail.com. CO.

1963–65 Falcon V-8 exhaust manifolds, \$125 pair. Four-speed transmission with bell housing and shifter, \$500. 1962 Comet passenger side partial quarter trim, part number C2GY6229396-A, NOS in box, \$135 firm. John Simone, 413-527-8502. Easthampton, MA.

1960 Ranchero F-2 torque convertor, \$100 + shipping. 1960 Ranchero F-2 transmission \$100 + shipping. Merle Marti, mmartin55@hawaii.rr.com or 808-939-7069. HI.

1963 427 heads C3AE-D date codes 3-A-29, 3-B-11, cleaned and “maged,” \$750; 1969 428 C.J. heads cleaned and “maged,” date codes 90B12 and 9-C-6, \$850. John Simone, 413-527-8502. MA.

New 1965 Falcon rear trunk trim. Billet aluminum and triple plated just like original in every way. Very limited number of these, \$795 with detailed letters and surround; \$695 without. \$40 to ship to lower 48 states. Todd, 704-502-9341 or toddsclocks@earthlink.net. NC.

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1965 289: distributor, date code 4KB, \$150; connecting rods, \$100; oil pan, \$35, gold valve covers, \$60; 2V intake, \$75; exhaust manifolds, \$200. 1968 302 4V intake manifold and carb spacer: cast #C8ZE-9425-A, date 8A31, \$300. New AFR 205cc aluminum heads, \$1850. 1965 289 Hi Po aluminum water pump: cast #C5AE-8505D, \$400. Keith Litteken, 314-351-1789 or kslitteken@aol.com. MO.

Two Ford alternators 60 amps each, complete with a regulator. Asking \$50 OBO for each set plus shipping. One rear bench seat from 1968–69 Falcon. Light blue and dark blue vinyl seat in excellent condition. Asking \$50 OBO plus shipping. 1964 Falcon V8 front brakes complete for sale. New 2¼” wide brake shoes, new wheel cylinders, new hoses, new NOS brake drums. All above have approximately 250 miles on them. Asking \$200 OBO plus shipping. Lloyd Marshment, 519-542-3684, or grhead@hotmail.com. ON.

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PARTS WANTED

Driver's door for a 1964 Falcon Sprint or a Futura Hardtop, rust and dent free if possible. Robert Storey, 803-513-0021 or rlstorey71@yahoo.com. SC.

Carburetors for FE engines: part number on air horn C8AF-AD, C8OF-AB and C8OF-AA. FE distributors: part number on housing C8AF-AD, C70F-G, C8OF-D, C8OF-F, C8OF-H. Parts must be in excellent condition, either used or NOS. Keith Litteken, 314-351-1789 or kslitteken@aol.com. MO.

WANTED: 1968–1970 Falcon dash pad. Looking for an excellent pad with no visible issues for my 1970 complete nut and bolt rebuild. Otto Feiler, 303-369-9641 or otto@70falcon.com. TX.

Looking for a factory trailer hitch for a 1964 Ford Falcon Futura convertible. Please contact Bob Lamphier, 505-250-9384 or rshipfaced23@yahoo.com. NM.

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Jim Gerdorn has released new Falcon and Mustang art prints. The 1960 Falcon Project Car answers the burning question: What do you do with a basket-case 1960 Falcon? You turn it onto a project car inspired by

European road racing. Based on a car that was my daily driver for several years, I drew this in 1996 and recently restored it and decided to release it as a print. The drawing shows a stock body, except for the wheel areas and black ground effects similar to what Ford would later use on the Ford GT. The wheels are based on a design for Weld Racing, a client of mine at the time. "Mustang 50" commemorates the 50th Anniversary with 1965 and 2015 convertibles, the chrome running horse emblem, and the number 50 fading into the white background. These prints, and some of my other new releases are now at DesignFactoryArt.etsy.com.

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INFORMATION WANTED

I owned a 1965 Caspian Blue Ford Falcon Futura 289 with a three speed on the column. I replaced the bench seat with bucket seats. I traded it in on a Ford Pinto in Kearney, Nebraska in 1971. I do not have the VIN. Is there anyone with any information about this car or suggestions on how I could find this car? Debi S. Steinmeyer, 308-530-2506 or debi.s.steinmeyer@gmail.com. NE.

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How Our Falcon Took Flight



I have been a car guy my entire life owning everything from an Alfa GTV6 to a Lotus Evora. I've always been into European and on occasion Japanese cars, just as long as they are sporty and have three pedals.

Just recently we purchased our second home at the beach in Oxnard, California. My wife has been dreaming of owning a house by the beach for years. She mentioned that it would be fun to have a vintage convertible to cruise around the beach in. Just so you know, my wife is NOT at all a car person, so coming from her this was a big surprise.

We were watching Mecum Auctions one day and she saw a Falcon convertible and said "I want





By Ron Avery

something funky for the beach house. Something like that." From then on I searched for a Falcon convertible.

I wanted a Falcon Sprint with a 260 V8 and a four-speed. But, as I mentioned, my wife is not a car person and refused to drive a stick. A lot of the Sprint's I found had a stick and I just couldn't stomach pulling out the four-speed transmission to replace it with an automatic.

I ended up finding this nice 1963 Wimbledon White convertible with red interior and top with bucket seats online. It's a two-speed automatic with a 200/6. The seller, Darrin, at Ford Thunderbird Connection in Phoenix, Arizona, was a Falcon expert who restored them and then sold them. I took the next flight out to see the car and thought it would be perfect. It wasn't a Sprint or a show car but it was just what my wife wanted. He picked me up from the airport, showed me the car and made the necessary changes as requested. It was a very fair deal.

We have also made some changes to the Falcon as you can see in the photos. Even though it's not really a Sprint, I made it look like one.

We also upgraded the cooling system with a larger radiator and made some other minor mechanical work to make the car run better. Since it was shipped to our house it's been cruising the beach ever since.



—Ron Avery (FCA #15246)
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RUNNING ON EMPTY

BY KURT CHANDLER

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reading books (recently, Thomas Paine's *The Age of Reason*), watching YouTube videos on the public computers and sending emails to online friends. He's given up searching the job postings. His age and poor health make him an unlikely candidate.

He eats lunch every day at a local McDonald's, where the coffee is good, the salad is a dollar and the regulars treat him like a friend. "They know I'm homeless, but I never ask them for anything," he says. "I found a wallet in the men's room once. I turned it in. I don't know how much money was in it. I never looked. I didn't want to know."

He has others who look out for him. An ex-cop on the South Side lets him crash on his couch when the weather is bad. A mechanic he knows fixes his car and lends him money if he's short at the end of the month.

John buys his dinners at a Chinese restaurant or the deli counter at Pick 'n Save. He treats himself to a piece of cod on Fridays. And on Sundays, he allows himself the luxury of a motel room. It's basic, just a bed, a shower and a TV. Even at \$25 a night, it's costly on an annual income of \$9,600.

Homeless shelters won't take him in, he says, because his \$800 SSI payments are considered income. On most nights, he sleeps in his car in a cemetery. "The crime, it's all out there, but in this cemetery, it's quiet." He's allowed to wander the grounds and use the bathroom, John says, and the owner doesn't mind because the presence of his Falcon keeps away trespassers.

He was robbed once when his car was in the shop and he was on foot, and beat up on the bus when he lipped off to some punks at the State Fair. He claims he's been roughed up by Milwaukee cops. But after receiving dozens of tickets for parking, loitering and trespassing, the Milwaukee city attorney's office has given up on prosecuting him, he says. By watching his back, he's learned to stay a step ahead of the cops, the drunks and the thugs.

The biggest hazard is winter. Even in his car, he's vulnerable. He wraps himself in thick blankets and stuffs thermal heat packets into his socks at night.

John's car leaks three quarts of oil each week, an unwanted expense. The seat backs are so badly deteriorated that sharp metal springs jab into his back. Yet he takes pride in the Ford Falcon. Once, when he was parked at the library, a woman opened her car door into his. He cussed her out, and the librarian called the cops. He was banned from the library for a couple of weeks. "People gotta respect other people's property," he says.

He admits to a few vices. He drinks occasionally, usually beer— "as a sleeping aid"— and despite his emphysema and asthma, he smokes. "I enjoy it," he says. "Stupid, I know. But I can't quit."

He's adapted to nomadic life, but his chances of lifting himself out of homelessness are slim. He can't get ahead on his monthly benefits. He would be eligible for reduced Social Security retirement benefits in six years at age 62. "But I probably won't live that long," he says.

So he lives in survival mode, resigned to his circumstances. In his day-to-day existence, he gets by hand to mouth. It's an

existence I can only imagine. I've grown accustomed to convenience and routine, susceptible to far lesser hardships. Luck of the draw? Twist of fate? The clichés may apply, but they never provide much of an answer.

John finishes his cigarette and returns to the library. Two winters ago, he was hospitalized with double pneumonia. It weakened his lungs. Walking up and down stairs now makes him dizzy and fatigued. He takes the elevator.

I check out a few CDs and walk back to my car, an all-wheel-drive hatchback with leather seats and a sunroof. I return to a house that's comfortable and quiet, bedecked with family photos, artwork and a showroom's worth of electronic gadgets. I fix myself a sandwich and then revisit my home repair project: painting the dining room. The color is a lustrous green-blue, aquamarine, the original shade of John's 1961 Ford Falcon. ■

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My 1965 Ford Falcon Project

by Greg Du Val

As a new member of the Falcon Club, I thought it would be fun to tell you about my car and ask for a few suggestions about some unanswered questions.

My wife and I stopped by a neighbor's home a few years ago to ask him about who had painted his 1956 Ford truck. Scott now had a 1965 Ford Falcon Sprint parked alongside his truck in his man cave. The previous owner had the car parked in his garage for 30 years. The car needed restoration and was in decent shape. Scott said his wife told him, "No more projects!" after he had bought the car, so he needed to sell the Sprint. My wife smiled at me and asked me to buy the car and restore it for her. She thought the body lines were cute.

The car sat in my garage for a few years while other priorities got in the way. I spent some time researching the car and what parts could be found for it.

Part of what I found out is that the V8 version was equipped with different suspension parts than the 6 cylinder version. Some parts could be changed to V-8 but not all. Putting a V8 into the car would put some stresses on the old unibody, so frame rail connectors and upper and lower motor braces were well suited for my project.

A few months ago, the time finally came when I decided to start working on the car in earnest.

The car originally came with the 200 cubic inch six cylinder motor with a three speed column shift transmission. Someone many years ago had converted the car to a floor shift. They had hacked up the transmission cross member with the transmission they had used in the car.

I had decided to convert the car to a V8 and four speed so the old motor and transmission had to go.

I spoke with Bart, a local reputable motor builder who had built another performance motor for me about what

he suggested for the Falcon. He convinced me to put a 331 Stroker in it. Bart has been ordering the parts to build a 475+ HP motor.

I wanted to stay nostalgic with the transmission. More research lead me to David Kee's Toploader Transmissions. David was a great source of information. He is now building the correct wide ratio transmission for the car. One would think any old top loader would do. The Falcon actually uses a shorter transmission than most other Fords. Dave will be upgrading the bell housing and clutch to handle the horsepower.

I know several "old time" local hot rodders. I contacted my friend Joe P. who had a narrow 9 inch rear-end sitting in the corner of his shop. I bought the rear end and am in the process of getting ready to put it in the car. The spring perches will have to be relocated. New springs will be going in with new bushings. Disc brakes are going on the front and rear with a power assist master cylinder.

As I neared the time to start the body work, my friend Joe H. who has a body shop and has painted other cars for me allowed me to work on the car at his shop. I get to do what parts I can, and Joe does the rest. The car was stripped to bare metal, some rust repairs made, and the metal straightened before Bondo will hide any flaws. Then any imperfections were corrected before the paint job.

The car was originally black with the tan interior. The car will be black with a dark cherry red accent down the body panel highlighted with a narrow silver stripe. The miscellaneous removable interior trim panels will be painted in red to give the car some character.

I do not plan on using the original wiring or the front bench seat when the car is completed. I have the following questions on which I would appreciate some advice.

1. Can anyone offer any suggestions about what wiring they have used to replace the stock wiring?
2. What bucket seats work and fit well? I am considering Corbeau seats. Has anyone used them?
3. Has anyone ever installed an after market steering column. What works well with the original steering box or is there a good replacement?
4. With the motor I am using, a 302 block, what headers fit well with the car?
5. Who do you recommend to restore the front grille and tail light buckets?
6. Any other thoughts?

I look forward to any and all suggestions. Please send your thoughts to my email gduval@ix.netcom.com

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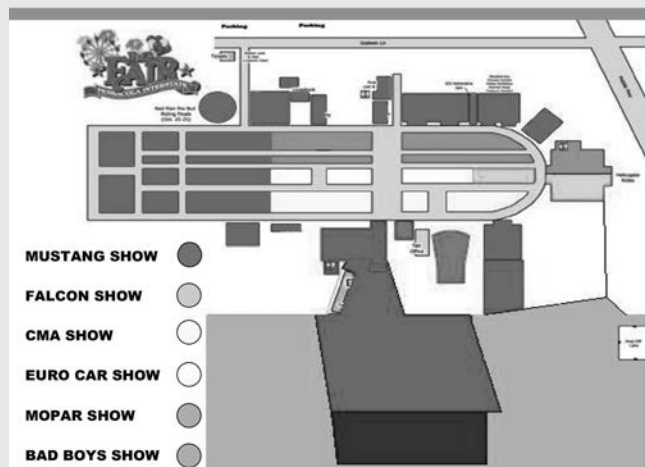
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On Saturday morning all participants will have a "People's Choice" sheet to mark their favorite Falcon in the category of Stock, Light Modified, Modified, Work in Progress (Diamond in the Rough), Best of Show Stock, Best of Show Modified, and Ladies Choice. People's Choice sheets are to be turned in by 1:00 PM so that calculations can be completed by 2:00 PM for awards presentation. Awards will also be given for Oldest Falcon and Longest Distance.

In addition to the Falcon show there will be a Regional Mustang show, a motorcycle show, a local car club display, a Jeep show, a European car display and a British car display all on the Fairgrounds that Saturday.

The 7th Annual Southern Coast Chapter Falcon Regional Show accommodations are the Red Roof Inn at 2591 Wilde Lake Blvd. in Pensacola, Florida. Call 850-941-0908 for reservations. Room rates are \$59.99 for one queen size bed and \$69.99 two full size beds. Room tax—currently 11.5% per room per night will be added. Please reference Falcon Club when making reservations.

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mid-December of 1983, I was taking the Falcon to its new home. We left the United States in rain, which changed gradually to freezing rain and then to a

snowstorm, making six and one-half hours of treacherous driving. I was sure the car was in shock. The rest of that winter, the Falcon sat outside, behind the house, covered with a tarp.

The following summer I was knee-deep in home renovation so I had the Falcon towed three and one-half hours east to be stored in an unused barn at my parents' place. It was lonely, but not alone; it shared the barn with raccoons, mice and pigeons. I guess they figured if they couldn't drive it, so they left it alone. It sat there for four more years until I brought it home and dismantled it for painting. With no garage to house it, in the fall it went back to the barn.

After another four years, I moved to a new house and a new wife to go with it. This house had a double car garage, albeit a small one for my needs. I finally finished the car to make it roadworthy and enjoyed it more than ever. However, my wife felt that her car should always be garaged, so a compromise was reached. I could use it every other summer and the Falcon would return to the barn for two years at a time.

Five years ago, I decided to make no more compromises and the single life was mine again. I purchased



a fixer-up bungalow on a larger lot and the Falcon sat for another two years. The good side was it definitely kept the mileage low.

Then came the time to build a garage

for the Falcon and me. City by-laws and regulations limited me to a 538 square foot area with nine-foot four-inch walls. So that's what we built.

I spent the summer of 2009 building the garage, learned a lot, and had fun doing it. The neighbors came by at times to inspect and offer to help. It has two seven-foot garage doors, plan an entry door, four coach lamps outside with vertical board and batten style vinyl siding. I had a beer fridge and borrowed another one from a neighbor, just in case anyone that came by was a bit thirsty.

My former sister-in-law gave me a big 20-light chandelier to hang for illumination. I finally insulated and paneled the inside with plywood and waistcoating up to four feet. It will have crown molding around the top as it is four inches short on a four by eight sheet and it will look much nicer. And, it complements the chandelier. The ceiling has ornate wood-working and the entire inside is painted.

Nothing but the best for my Falcon. I think it deserved it after living in that barn for so long.

—John Byvelds (FCA #973)
Whitby, Ontario

By John Byvelds



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4th Sun. monthly
636-677-4670

Golden Gate Chapter San Francisco, CA

2nd Sat. odd months
408-293-5848

Greater Ozarks Chapter Springfield, MO

2nd Sun. even months
Panera Bread
N. Kansas Expressway
Springfield MO. 2:00 PM
417-761-2677

Hoosier Chapter Indiana

1st Sun. monthly
Edwards Drive-In
2126 S. Sherman Dr.
Indianapolis
317-418-8301

Lone Star Chapter Mt. Pleasant, TX

3rd Sun. monthly
903-572-9593

Metro Detroit Chapter Detroit, MI

1st Sun. bi-monthly
Holiday Inn Southgate
17201 Northline Road
Southgate, MI
313-382-2993

Mid America Chapter Kansas City

1st Fri. monthly
913-592-3571

Mile Hi Chapter Denver, CO

3rd Fri. monthly
303-857-9360

Music City Chapter Nashville, TN

Monthly Meetings
Call for dates/locations
615-452-0321

Northeast Chapter New England

3rd Sat. monthly
northeastchapter.com
401-823-1059

Northland Chapter Minneapolis, MN

2nd Sun. odd months
952-334-1653
northland-falcons.com

Raptor Chapter Princeton, IL

1st Sunday of each quarter
815-200-6348

Rainier Chapter Seattle, WA

Bi-monthly Jan–Nov.
University Burgermaster
3040 NE 45th St. 7:00 PM
rainierfalcons.com
206-290-3093

River City Chapter Sacramento, CA.

2nd. Sat. even months
12:00 PM
Round Table Pizza
1566 Howe Ave
Sacramento, CA
209-957-0974

So-Cal Falcons Pasadena, CA

2nd Sat. bi-monthly
805-583-4403

Sooner Falcons Oklahoma City

3rd Sat. monthly
405-820-4808

Sonoma County Santa Rosa, CA

1st Thurs. monthly
707-539-2860

Southeast Chapter Georgia

1st Sun. monthly
770-887-6268

Space City Chapter Houston, TX

2nd Sat. monthly,
6:00 PM
Prince's Drive-In
I-45 & Fuqua
713-703-5110

Star City Falcon Club Roanoke, VA

Monthly meetings
Call for date/location.
540-254-1515

Third Coast Chapter Houston, TX

3rd Sat. even months
5:30 PM
Valley Ranch BBQ
22548 SH 249
Spring Cypress
281-467-4607

Virginia Falcons Richmond, VA

2nd Sun. even months
804-739-1615

Wheat State Chapter Wichita, KS

2nd Sat. even months
316-838-7487

Wild West Falcons Chapter Western Colorado

Meetings quarterly
Call Ted for details.
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